

HILST MANY PEOPLE were furloughed, some families benefitted by being able to look after relatives at home, removing the need to engage a qualified carer.

However, Access Care, based at Goodworth Clatford, near Stockbridge, is predicting an increase in enquiries and clients during the next few months as people plan a phased return to work. The agency introduces companions and professionally qualified carers, on a short or long-term basis, to support with convalescence, provide respite care, holiday companionship, specific condition related care and end of life support.

Tiggy Bradshaw, managing director, said: "We also anticipate that when able, some families are considering how loved ones may leave a residential care home and return to their own homes, with our support to ensure a higher level of protection in the future. By its very nature, live-in care has ensured people have been able to isolate in their own homes with one-to-one care and support when required or desired. Our clients' families

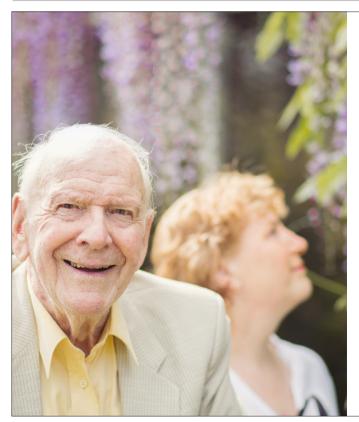
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have expressed relief and thanks that their loved ones remained in their homes with a qualified, professional carer throughout the pandemic, because it provided peace of mind."

Technology, regular phone calls and Covid-regulated visits enabled people to interact safely with loved ones at home throughout the restrictions, and many families organised tablets, which, with the help of carers, allowed family video calls, news and interaction.

"As restrictions ease, our carers will support clients who wish to go out, meet family and friends in their gardens or the park - and even enjoy a drink at the pub!" access-care.co.uk



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